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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
2. Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (PTO/SB/31);
3. Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review (PTO/SB/33);
4. Arguments to Accompany the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review; and
5. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization for \$970.00 to cover: \$510.00 Notice of Appeal fee and \$460.00 extension of time fee.

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